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1. Leaders of the Partido Comunista de Colombia (PCC - Communist Party of Colombia) have named Ventura Fuentes Vanegas, member of the PCC and leader of the Cundinamarca Departmental Labor Federation, as their candidate for Secretary General of the Confederacion de Trabajadores de Colombia (CTC - Confederation of Colombian Workers) in the forthcoming elections to be held during the VII General Plenum.
2. It is reported that this decision is extremely displeasing to Pedro J. Abella, the present incumbent and also a Communist, but under pressure from Party leaders he has agreed not to be a candidate for the post. The PCC was forced to sacrifice Abella because of the conflict between him and Victor Julio Silva, President of the CTC. Many members of the CTC have accused Abella of using his position to advance the cause of Communism among the affiliates of the CTC and of neglecting the administrative duties of his position.
3. It is reported that the only change in the Directorate of the CTC which will be made at the VII General Plenum will be the election of a new Secretary General.

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